

BERSAGLIERI #35

"Bersaglieri" -- Ed Wrobel's favorite zine.....

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Subs to Bersaglieri are \$6 for 10 issues.

I Volotari: standby players: Arnawoodian, Byrne, Mills, Bohner, Hart, Williams, Craig, Fleming, Frueh, Russell, Givan, Haley, and Swartz.

***If you play out a standby position -- you get three free issues.

***If you are interested in being in a game in Bersaglieri -- I will be auctioning off a gamestart in the upcoming PDO Relief Auction. There will be 7 spots, of course, and the minimum bid will be \$3. For more info, please contact Mike Mills, PDO Grand Kommissar, at 26 Laurel Rd. Sloatsburg, NY 10974.

***Deadlines for the games run in Bersaglieri will be Sunday, June 3rd.

The reason for this unusual deadline time is due to a few things.

Note: Between May 12th and May 23rd I will not be home. I'm taking a little vacation to the South. A couple of friends and I are going to New Orleans for the World's Fair and then over to Orlando to DisneyWorld and Epcot. It should be an enjoyable trip since I've never been to either place. I just hope the Fair is ready in time.....

I've made the deadline for the weekend of MaryCon -- which I will be attending. So if any of you are there, you can hand me your orders. This will also mean that from May 31st to June 3rd, I will not be home to receive telephoned orders....And please don't try and leave order messages with someone else, because they won't take them....

I've just turned 25 this week. I guess that's supposed to be some sort of achievement. The only good thing that I can think of in turning 25 is that my car insurance rates will go down. Anybody have any ideas on getting older.....

GOOSEMYER

by parker and wilder



MARYCON 84

NEWS RELEASE FROM POLITBURO

Well here we go again! Marycon 84 has been scheduled for the first weekend in June, and we hope to see you at the boards again this year. Due to the success of Marycon 83, and a little more available time to organize this year, we have decided to expand Marycon 84. We will be sending out invitations through a special issue of Politese which will be sent throughout the country and to our neighbors to the north. Also, in addition to the regular festivities, we have planned a day for dip variation play for all you closet "Revisionists," to be held the Friday before Marycon.

This year Marycon will cost \$40.00 and Vari-Marycon (Variations) will cost you \$30.00. We realize that this is a bit of an increase over last year, but it is not intended to make an "obscene" profit for us as it may seem to indicate. Though last years Marycon was a success in the number of people participating, and the good time had by all; it was a financial disaster. The only thing that stood between us and debtors prison was "fast talkin" Dick Warner, who was able to convince the "powers that be" at the College to writeoff our debt, (only after wearing out the knees of two pairs of pants and a severe case of athletes foot of the mouth). To avoid a repetition of last years fiasco and to cover additional costs (no, blankets are still not included) we had to up the price. But even with this increase, Marycon is still a bargain for what you get for the money, which brings us to the point of this letter.

To increase our operating capital, and the faith of the College administration in our ability to pay our debts, we would like you to dig deep and come up with your registration money now. In an effort to ease our conscience for hitting you up for the bucks, and as an added incentive, we are offering a \$2.50 discount on Marycon and Vary-Marycon; \$7.00 if you register for both. This represents a possible 10% savings or a $\frac{1}{2}$ case of Strohs depending on your view on life. This offer will be in effect until April 20th, (Hitler's Birthday). Your registration should be sent to: Marycon 84, P.O. Box 1254, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

You were willing to take a chance on us last year. We hope you felt that the chance was worth taking. Your help will insure the success of Marycon 84. And we again hope you will feel it was a chance worth taking. See you in June!

Richard H. Warner
Premier

Matthew Kally
First Secretary

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MARYCON 84

AND THE
PREMIERING
VARI-MARYCON
FOR VARIANT PLAYERS

FRI. 6/1/84 VARI-MARYCON
10:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

SAT. 6/2/84 MARYCON 84
10:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

SUN. 6/3/84 MARYCON 84
SECOND ROUND
9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

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P.O. BOX 1254
COLLEGE STATION
FREDERICKSBURG, VA
22401

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK OR MONEY
ORDER PAYABLE TO MARYCON FOR:

☐ VARI-MARYCON (6/1/84) 27.50

☐ MARYCON (6/2-3/84) 37.50

☐ BOTH 70.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

*ROOM PREFERENCE:

1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____

☐ NO PREFERENCE

VARI-MARYCON: INCLUDES (6/1/84) LUNCH, DINNER, LODGING (6/2/84) BREAKFAST.

MARYCON: INCLUDES (6/2/84) LUNCH, DINNER, LODGING, (6/3/84) BREAKFAST, LUNCH.
ALSO INCLUDES BEER BASH (6-2-84).

IMPORTANT: IF YOU WISH TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS I.E. STAY AN EXTRA
DAY, EXTRA MEALS PLEASE NOTIFY US AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUEST.

WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ROOM YOU WITH THE PERSON(S) OF YOUR CHOICE.
ALL ROOMS ARE DOUBLE OCCUPANCY AND ARE CONNECTED TO ANOTHER ROOM
FOR A TOTAL OF 4) PERSONS. THE COLLEGE WILL SUPPLY SHEETS, PILLOW
CASES YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR OWN BLANKET.

W '09
SPRING 1910



Eng: Remove F Kie
Fra: Retreat A Mun-Bur, F Lion-
Tun. Build F Bre, A Mar.
Ita: Retreat A Ven-Tus
Rus: Build A War, A Sev,
F StP(nc)

Spring '10 orders:

ENGLAND (Coughlan): F Adr-ION,
A Nwy-CLY, F NWG C A Nwy-Cly,
F Nth-LON, F Den-HEL.

FRANCE (Woodson): F Bre-MAO,
A MAR-Pie, A Lpl-EDI, F Iri-ENG
F Mao-WES, A TUN holds, F Apu-
NAP, A BUR-Mun, F Bel-NTH,
F YOR S F Bel-Nth, A Hol-BEL,
A VEN Holds, A ROM S A Ven.

ITALY (Byrne): A TUS S RUSS
A Tyr-Pie, A TRI-Ven, F ION S
FREN F Tun-Tyr d--retreat to
Apu. Alb. Eas. Tyr. OTB.

RUSSIA (Mazzer): A FIN holds,
A SMY holds, A Sev-RUM, F Con-
A Tyr-PIE, A Ber-KIE, A Mun-

BUL(sc), F AEG S F Con-Bul(sc), F StP(nc)-BAR,
RUH, A Pru-BER, A SIL-Mun, A WAR-Sil.
TURKEY (Arna woodian): F GRE S ENGL F Adr-Ion.

Deadline for Fall 1910 orders is Sunday, June 3rd. (See first page)
The E/I/R draw proposal failed. There has been another proposal for
an E/I/R draw. Please vote with your next set of orders. Not voting is
a "Yes" vote.

Press: England-GM: You left out a line of my press last time which I wrote in tribute to my fallen comrade in Austria. I'm inserting it 3 times to be sure it gets in!

GM-England: Sorry Gary, that line is old hat I will never print DUNK
HANSON AND BYRNE in Bersaglieri.

Italy-England: Woody is like an itch you can't scratch -- he just won't go away!

Moscow-Woody: If it were anyone but you, I wouldn't even think of covering Bul., Not to worry though, It's purely defensive.

England-Italy and Turkey: I figure we three can haunt the Mediterranean for years before they wipe us out!

Italy-Russia: Why do I just know that the axe is about to fall?!

Moscow-Paris: I'll never surrender, even though you've grown to 13 centers. I'll fight you 'til the last drop of English and Italian blood is spilled.

GM-Moscow: What courage and daring -- I guess you told him.....
continued.....

E-R press continued....

England-Russia: Hurry up! I can only hold on so long against these French!

Italy-Turkey: Do you get the impression that Mazzer is going to pick up four more centers this year?

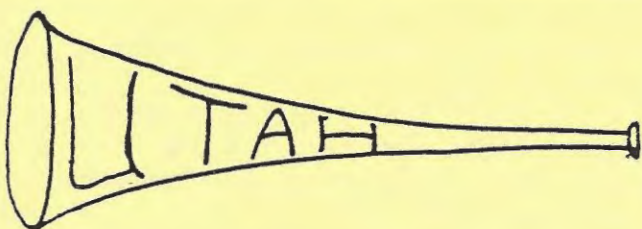
Moscow-Italy: Let Woddy live? You don't know how hard this is!

England-Italy: Join the Yankees?! Nevah evah as long as there is breath left in mah body! Mazzer's mother was from Texas so he is one of us by right of descent.

England-France: And don't tell me about your family coming from Tennessee either!!

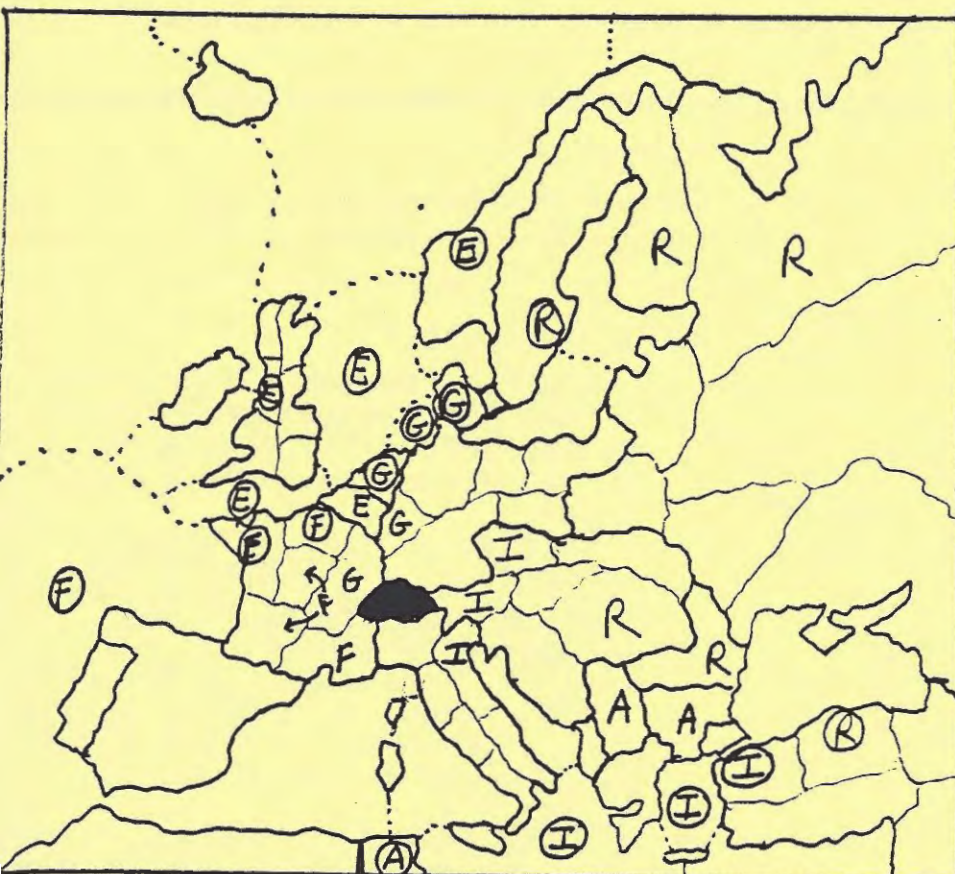
England-Turkey: They say there is no fool like an old fool. How old are you anyway? I think you may have the record sewed up!

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SPRING '04



#### Winter '03

Eng: Retreat F StP(nc)-OTB,  
Build F Lpl.

Fra: Build F Bre.

Ita: Build A Rom, F Nap.

Rus: NBR! plays two short.

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Spring '04 orders:

AUSTRIA (Hart): A SER S A Bul,
A BUL S A Ser, F Ion-TUN.

ENGLAND (Peters): F LPI-Iri,
F ENG-Mao, F NTH S A Bel,
A BEL holds, F NWY S F Nth.

FRANCE (Bohner): F BRE-Mao,
F MAO-Iri, F PIC-Bre, A Pie-MAR,
A BUR holds--d retreat to Par,
Gas, OTB.

GERMANY (Craig): F DEN holds,
F Kie-HEL, F Hol holds, A Mun-
BUR, A RUH S A Mun-Bur.

ITALY (Arnawoodian): A Rom-VEN,
A Ven-TYR, A Vie-BOH, F Nap-ION,
F CON-Bul(sc), F Smy-AEG.

RUSSIA (Williams): NMR! all

units hold...has F Ank, Swe, A Fin, StP, Bud, Rum.

Deadline for Fall '04 orders is Sunday, June 3rd. (See first page)

*I am asking Carl Russell at 21 Morgan Rd., Binghamton, NY 13903 to send in standby orders for Russia.

Press: Austria-Departed Turkey: I, for one, didn't want to take you anywhere.
continued.....

Wyoming continued

Deadline for Winter '05 builds and Spring '06 orders is Sunday, June 3rd.
(See first page)

All the draw proposals failed. There has been another draw proposal--
I/A draw. Please vote with your next set of orders. Not voting is a
"Yes" vote.

Press:

Madman-Mattman: See! I was only kidding. Pretty funny stuff, huh?

Germany-GM: Geez, what a mess! I'm glad I don't have to adjudicate this
one. There should be quite a few dislodgements this turn.

GM-Germany: I don't care about messes as long as the game's a good one.
And this one is. I can't wait to see what happens in about 2 or 3 more
turns.....

Rom-Lon: You've been found guilty of plotting to overthrow Pope Pat.
Therefore, Portugal will be forfeited. After that, We'll see.

England-World: The English parliament has just come from a lengthy session
and has announced that they have discovered the way to peace among us---
their solution: Everyone throws down their arms, goes home, and swears
fealty to the Queen of England. You gotta admit that would solve a lot
of problems. Everyone in favor say "aye".

Moscow: This is not press.

Vie-Ven: Your wish is my command.

Berlin-Evans: Sorry guy, no press for you this turn.

Rom-Kie: Better be careful or all you'll be doing is writing press.

Bud-Lon: Still no letter!? Well, if you don't care to ask for help, you
won't get any from me.

Mun-83T: Have we all run out of knives yet?

Rom-GM: Just because Senator Gary changed his name from Hartpence and I
changed mine from Ha, that doesn't mean we're related. Now does it?

GM-Rom: His name used to be Hartpence until he dropped his pence.....

Mad-Bing: Goodbye, Carl. I wish I could say it's been fun but....hey
wait a minute. This is fun!!

Ger-Eng: I bet your new stationary has 'Matt & Pat' on it.

Rom-Smy: Sorry I can't join the ESM, but I understand the ECC has already
filled the vacancy.

Ger-Aus: "Trust Fleming" suddenly has a tainted ring to it.

Ven-Bud: Shhhhhhh! I'm trying to outflank myself.

Ber-Mos: What I really dislike is someone who knows every move in the book
but still does not make the most of them by writing.

Ber-Smy: I never thought I would be saying this but hold on tight! Maybe
we can stop Dale yet.

Mun??-Ven: Maybe I should NMR out and let Evans take over.

Kiel-Vie: As Yogi Berra said, "It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings."

Germany-GM: I know he really didn't say that, but I just want Dale to know
that he is very shortly going to wish that Molus was playing this position.

GM-Germany: No comment.

Ger-Eng: Well?

***Supply Center Chart for 1905

Aus: Home, Ser, Gre, Rum, Bul, Con, SMY 9 centers. Has 8 units: Build 1.

Eng: ~~XX~~, Lon, ~~XX~~, Bre, Por, ~~XX~~ 3 centers. Has 5 units: Remove 2.

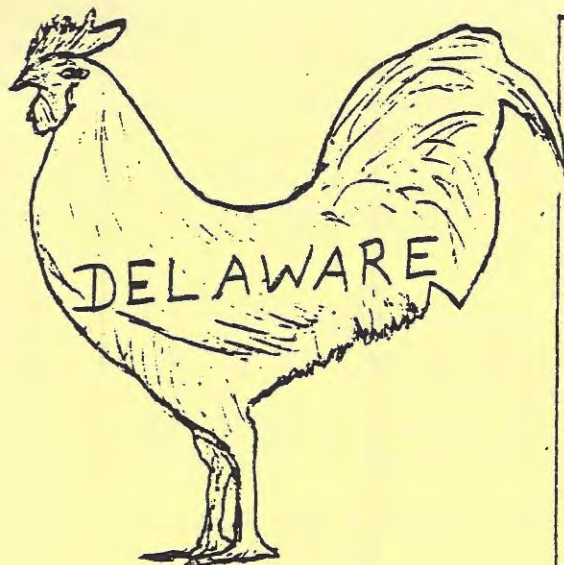
Ger: Mun, Kie, BER, Hol, Den, Bel, Swe, Edi, War, PAR, LPL 11 centers.

Has 8 units: Build 3--can only build 2.

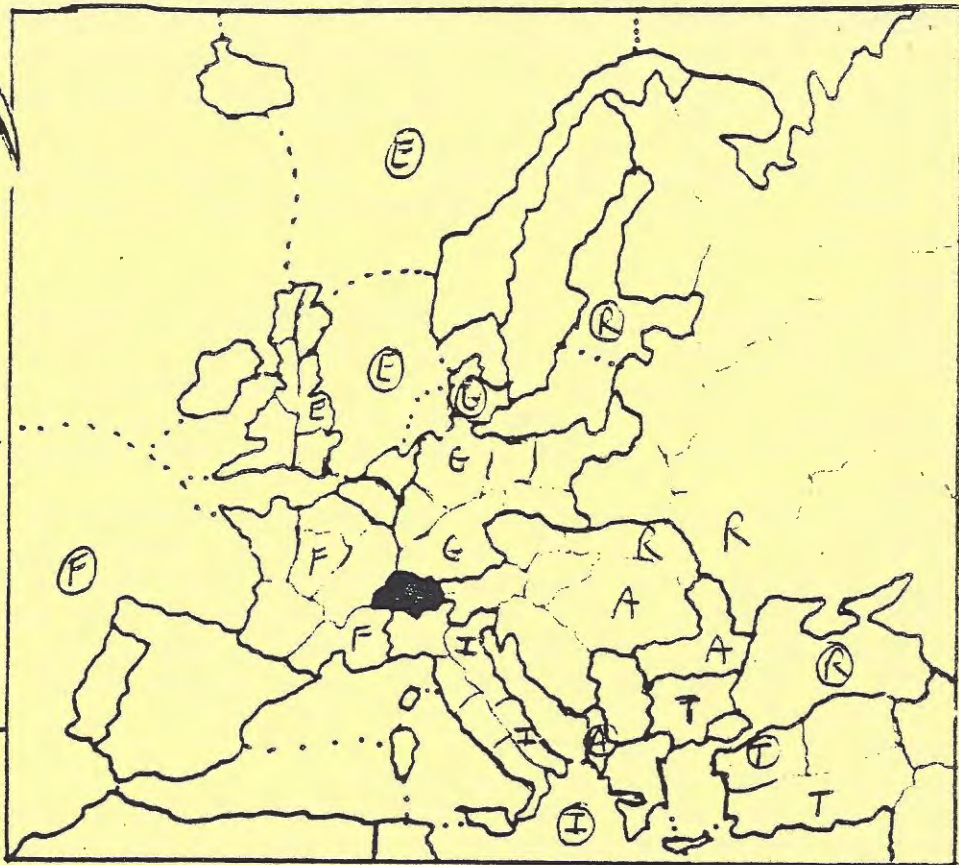
Ita: Home, Tun, Spa, Mar 6 centers. Has 6 units: Even.

Rus: Mos, StP, Sev, ~~XX~~, NWY, ANK 5 centers. Has 4 units: Build 1.

Tur: ~~XX~~, ~~XX~~ 0 centers -- OUT



84AE S'01



France holds off possible invasion attempts by Italy and Germany.....
The Balkan situation is anyone's guess.....

Spring '01 orders:

AUSTRIA (Mills): A Bud-RUM, A Vie-BUD, F Tri-ALB.
ENGLAND (Fleming): F Edi-NWG, F Lon-NTH, A Lpl-YOR.
FRANCE (Givan): F Bre-MAO, A PAR-Bur, A MAR-Pie.
GERMANY (Williams): F Kie-DEN, A Ber-KIE, A MUN-Bur.
ITALY (Russell): A VEN-Pie, A Rom-APU, F Nap-ION.
RUSSIA (Bakken): F Sev-BLA, A War-GAL, A Mos-UKR, F StP(sc)-BOT.
TURKEY (Haley): A Con-BUL, A SMY holds, F Ank-CON.

Deadline for Fall '01 orders is Sunday, June 3rd. (See first page)

Press:

Russia-Turkey: Well, I'm glad we finally agreed about the Balck Sea!
A bounce, right?

Rome-Paris: Beware of the Madlad trainee in London.

Der Ducken-England: Well, pardner, are you with us or agin us?

Con-Vienna: Please don't write so many letters. I don't know where to put them all! Hah! Hah!

Fra-Ger: Now, we see who trusted who. And who trusts who too.

Release from Der Chancellor in Vienna: So it's war you want; well, here it is! I'm no Slavophile and never have been. Damn, I don't even have a letter from the Tsarist mensch! So, it's war. C'mon Sultan! Let's get into Russia before he knows what hit him!

Germany-GM: I liked your Michael Jackson joke last time. Did you hear about the song that Jackson and Quiet Riot are collaberating on?

Burn Your Head.

GM-Germany: Here's another for you: What happened when Brooke Shields went to her gynecologist? They found the other glove.

Mos-Paris: Let's crush Germany! I can't ally with you so I can end up stabbing you if I'm way over here and you're way over there!

press continued.....

Delaware press continued....

Rome-London: You don't charge anything for whippings. Hell, some of those guys from California will pay you to whip them. More! More!

Der Duck-Titanium Man: Sorry, Evans...I really am. I was trying to get to Paris in one move....

Con-Rome: I am sure glad you opened up with a Lepanto aimed at Austria-Hungary and not me.

Mar-Ven: I know you said you were going to Tyrolia, but I just somehow thought you might mis-write an order or something. Did you?

Der Chancellor-Italia: Si, I got your letters and will abide by your treaty-thoughts just as long as you don't try something mediocre. I have heard about you Endwellians.

England-Russia: Just keep away from me, boy. Now I know what you are like!

Bakko-GM: I've got to stab Evans. It's my duty.

GM-Bakko: And we all must do our duty.....

Creampuff-Madman: Try not to sober up while we're allied, OK?

Der Duck-GM: You know, Tom, you should have never let me into two of your games ...ever hear of "Radio Germany"?

GM-Der Duck: Ever hear of "Dead Germany"?

Con-GM: Hello again. How's it going? Oh and by the way -- Down with Robert Sacks.

England: Dale-Evans!?! Where is Trigger?

Dale-Tom: Did you hear that if Gary Hart gets the Democratic nomination for president that he will name Kathy Byrne as his VP? It will be the Hart-Byrne ticket!!

Tom-Dale: I like that. It's got an aching sound to it.

Creampuff-Puppy: Watch me and my buddy Evans sweep the board. Then go to Chicago and watch the ice sink into the lake.

Con-Moscow: Thank you.

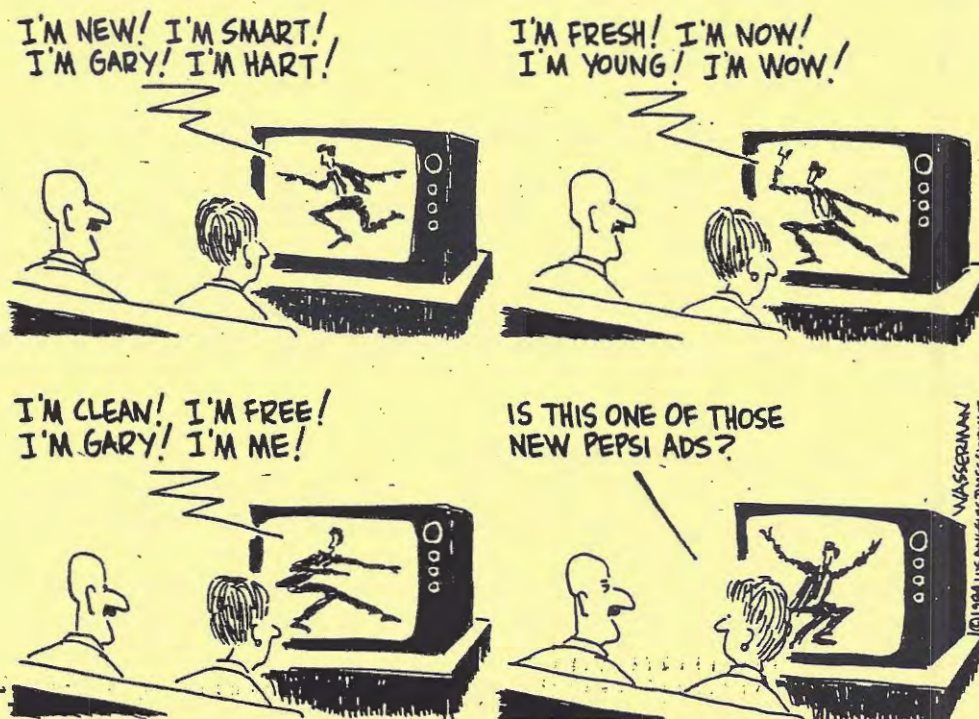
Rome-Moscow: Real men like Boy George.

Rome-Moscow: Grrrrr.....!

Rome-London: ?!

Rome-Con: The King of Italy knights the "Liar in the Corner".

Rome-Paris: The Madlad (sorry Dale - Madman) is far away. Am I to be lunch?





UTAH BOURSE

Kroner plummets.....Two companies bite the dust....

	AK	£	F	DM	L	R
AA	-500			-500	-500	
BoI -- liquidated and all assets impounded by EBSLC						
FMA	-279		-500	-500	-500	-500
GAK	-95	+500	-500	-500	+500	+400
GEE -- liquidated and all assets impounded by EBSLC						
MMB		-500	+969	-500	+469	-500
MMK	-500	-500	-500	+2500	-500	-500
OI						
PE	-500	-500	-500		+1400	-500
RYIRA	-500	-500	-500	+2000	+1500	
TLC	-300	-500	-500	-500	+2000	
<u>total</u>	<u>-2674</u>	<u>-2000</u>	<u>-2031</u>	<u>+2000</u>	<u>+4369</u>	<u>-1600</u>
pMP	.80	1.56	1.85	1.53	1.52	1.92
change	<u>-.26</u>	<u>-.20</u>	<u>-.20</u>	<u>+.20</u>	<u>+.43</u>	<u>-.16</u>
CMP	<u>.54</u>	<u>1.36</u>	<u>1.65</u>	<u>1.73</u>	<u>1.95</u>	<u>1.76</u>

EBSLC Holdings Report for Spring '04

	\$	AK	£	F	DM	L	R
AA	3390.80	1620	2155	1355	3236	3075	1730
FMA	3734.98	0	0	3160	2160	650	2792
GAK	52.69	500	1548	1657	160	2464	3349
MMB	.23	1565	1876	1069	878	969	400
MMK	.23	0	890	2486	3500	2000	994
OI	.19	1600	3008	529	1914	1306	630
PE	1039.00	1100	3330	3360	0	1900	405
RYIRA	1357.00	0	1500	1500	2000	3500	1500
TLC	123.94	0	400	1960	510	2556	4680
<u>M.T.</u>	<u>9699.06</u>	<u>6385</u>	<u>14707</u>	<u>17076</u>	<u>14358</u>	<u>18420</u>	<u>16480</u>

Deadline for next season's orders is Sunday, June 3rd. (See first page)

***The Bank of Ireland (BoI) and Golden Eagle Enterprises (GEE) have both been dissolved and their assets have been impounded by the EBSLC. The reason their assets have not been distributed among you is due to a very valid protest brought forward by one of you. The point made against distribution was very well taken and it will now be the policy of the EBSLC to liquidate and impound the company and assets of inactive bourse participants.

Press:

GAK-France: Hey, Bohner, WHERE'S THE BEEF?

MMK-MMB: When asked what I thought of you, the only answer was, who bothers with those so insignificant?! How can anyone respect a person who backs Madlads -- You're sick!

TLC Inside Tip: Everybody buy big on simple-minded antelopes; remember, during this season we celebrated Woody Day -- commonly known as April Fool's Day.

press continued.....

Utah Bourse press

MMB-AA: Puppy might skip out of Utah (I hear skip is the normal way of flitting about) but it won't surprise me too much.

TLC-FMA: Diet Shasta Strawberry?!?!?!? Boy, are you far behind; that was two new discoveries ago. First came Shasta Diet Citrus Mist; now there's Diet Frosh. Try and keep up, will you?

MMB-MMK: Do you realize, you puppet, that I entered this just to have some fun with you. I could be bankrupt tomorrow, but just knowing that I am playing with your mind is worth it.

MMB-EBSLC: This is getting confusing? I am supposed to be Midwest Mob Backer, but I attack Puppy and his puppyette. And Midwest Mob Killer is from Madison, Will the real idiot please stand up?

EBSLC-MMB: Well, I don't know about anybody else, but if Bobby Sacks is reading this press, you can be sure that he's standing right at this moment!

Letters.....we've got letters.....

from Her Most Royal Highness Queen Katherine I of Flushing

Dear Tom,

It was bad enough when you took away the B with the hair, but this issue there was no Celebrity Page! Why are you purposely ruining your zine this way?

At WoodyCon in front of at least 20 witnesses you said we would see the return of the "hairy B". You even promised to have contests to support the hairy B.

As for the Celebrity Page, I'd suggest you return it to us immediately. If you do not start pleasing your subbers, we will be forced to pay Mr. Hart to write tons of press for us!

Take Care,
Mama Kath...

(Your Majesty,

Your wishes are my commands.....As you can see the Celebrity Page has returned this issue double its normal size! As for the B with the hair and its contest, the "B" itself has returned and the contest will appear in the next issue.

I tremble and quake at your rath. I will do anything in my power to appease it. Awaiting your next wish.....

Your obedient servant,
T.M. (Bobby Sacks toady))

from Ed Wrobel, Director, Bureau of Retirements, RETS

Tom --

How about more commentary from you and your readers on the pending retirements of Sacks and Linsey? I can't make a proper decision without weighing all factors and considering feedback from the public.

What's with Mills? Incognito? I'm about ready to declare WARTHOG an independent organization and establish a separate custodianship of players' rights.

Ed Wrobel, BoR

see my response on page 14.

Dear Tom,

From Tom Swider

Hi-ho! What's up doc? Well, as it goes, I've got two papers due April 13th and am quite busy. But, I thought I'd tell you a few things since I have a few moments.

First and most importantly, please print this in the next Bersag.

"Trentino Italian Endgame Statement Errata: I wish to make a correction. The person who passed one of my letters in this game was Mark Coldiron. Two things brought this to my attention. First, a letter from Dale (rightfully so...but this was the only way I could find out who the snitch was...sorry) and Don William's comment about his "secret alliance" with Germany. Coupled with the statement Don said on the phone to me about "how I can't tell you who passed your letter; It'd ruin his confidentiality". I've known of Dave White well enough that he isn't the letter-passing type. Needless to say, I really don't think letterpassing really improves your credibility Mark. Consider Don's position. Don gets one of my letters. If Don were smart, he might begin to wonder how many letters of his were passed by Mark to the other players? It's a net-zero game. Again, apologies to Dale, but I felt it was either you or Mark, and you ~~were~~ were the only one ~~of~~ who'd write to me about that error."

Secondly, B has really improved in the past few issued. It used to be sort of on the warehouse side, but it's nice to see you adding more things, and I liked Pat's play. Actually, it's his first play I really enjoyed. I guess his style has improved for the better.

Thirdly, in the next issued of Expletive Deleted, I have published my first RETS treasurer's report. I ask you to read it, as I think there's one or two good ideas in there. Also, ~~■~~ I was thinking that it could be possible to "legitimize" the PDO as a bona fide non-profit business! Don't laugh! Any donations that are sent in for the PDORA or NMR Donation or DipTax, et al, can be in form of a check made payable to the PDO, a bank account either in Havertown, Endwell or Sloatsburg. One person would do all transactions in form of checks, and the cancelled checks or checking computer printouts of monthly transactions would be forwarded to somebody else, so as to maintain a security measure. Then, the funds would be able to be distributed evenly to custodians. This "security" measure would give Sacks no grounds to declare PDO as a hoax organization. Also, I suggested running alternate Dip events at the major conventions such as Atlanticon. If PDO can start off doing a gunboat tourney at Atlanticon this August, we can begin to

have the hobbyist's voice's heard instead of Sack's. Eventually, we might be able to bid for the rights to run the Diplomacy tourney itself.

If you are at all interested, let me know, and drop a line of this to Mike Mills. I have some forms on running tourneys and sales booths for Atlanticon, and if we're going to seriously consider running a PDO event, we better act very soon.

As for politics: I am also a republican. I mentioned "Reagan's Youth" sort of as a joke to Highfield before I knew how hyper he really is. He took it seriously I guess. On campus here at SUNY Binghamton, the conservative block of students are becoming more active. Understand that SUNY B is the "Sixth Borrough" of New York City. Some of the groups we have are very liberal/extremist/radical. Amongst them are 2 Jewish organizations which are constantly at each other's throats (my understanding behind the conflicts between themselves and/or Islamic students is weak, so I won't go into it at all), a Gay/Lesbian organization, "NYPIRG" (it stands for NY Public Interest Research Group) which claims it's not political at all, though is under law suit for blatantly using their funds to send buses ~~xxx~~ to DC for nuclear protest rallies (which is total misuse of MY tuition funds; I don't wish any part of my activity fee to be used for SIGs which I don't support. I could tell you muh of the open Reagan-hating comments I hear and see, but Michel Liesnard would get too many ideas in his head. Too many people see Reagan as a warmonger. Yeah, I'm sure Ronnie wants a nuclear war! As for all this "excessive defensive spending" which Hart rants and raves about, it's not true. The amount of money which Reagan spend per capita on defense is about the same that JFK spent.

In WWI and WWII, our country was able to mobilize for war quickly since we couldn't be attacked without advanced warning. We had the luxury of being able to have a lazy army. Now with communications and transportation advances, war can touch our soil with the touch of a button. The situation in the nuclear age is much more complex and we really can't afford to be complacent. Most defense monies go into salaries of people either seldiering or ~~soddering~~ soddering circuit boards to aid in new weapons technologies. Since Endwell/Binghamton/Owego (the "Southern Tier of NY") is very technology orientated, a cut in defense spending would certainly have their effects upon our community's businesses, namely IBM, Singer Link Aviation, General Electric, and their subcontractors. So I think Reagan did right in keeping military spending at the level it's at.

He handled Grenada correctly, though he could have delivered a coup

de grace by calling in the UN to install a popular election using a one-man one vote system. Showing Central America the beauty behind our political system (as opposed to dictatorships or totalitarianism) would, in my opinion, make things more favorable to both our country and theirs (if they want a dictatorship, I say "Sure, why not?" as long as it's something the people are ~~willing to take~~ in consensus with.).

The only thing I don't like about Reagan is the way he handled the "gender gap". Appointing a female supreme court justice is no replacement for proper legislation of female rights.

Gotta go.

Ciao-chow-chow!



Tom

("The other Tom")

(To Ed and Tom,

As for the proposed retirements of Robert Sacks and Bruce Linsey; the retirement for these particular two will have to be considered very carefully being that they wield such great authority in the Dip hobby. My own special investigative team will be making a sweeping inquiry and examination of Mr. Sacks and Mr. Linsey. I have set their report deadline for the week of MaryCon so that I will be able to personally authorize you and your Bureau to take whatever action is deemed necessary to expedite their retirement approval, delay, denial or disallowance under the appropriate Section outlined in the Bureau of Retirements Act. Public discussion of the matter of Mr. Sacks and Mr. Linsey's retirement will assist us in our task. Therefore, if any reader has any suggestions or ideas which you believe might help the RETS and the BoR in determining Mr. Sacks and Mr. Linsey's status in the hobby, please feel free to write to me.....

As for the proposition of making the PDO a "non-profit" organization, this matter must be taken up with the Grand Kommissar himself. I assure you that this will be done at the very next time that I do communicate with him. As for running a tournament or salesbooth at AtlantiCon -- I am in full agreement with you and will wholeheartedly support you in any venture. If such a venture were to compete with a Sacks-sponsored event, that would even be better.... I'll be in touch with you concerning this matter.....

Tom, what do you mean that Reagan has handled the "gender Gap" wrong? Both of my "bosses" are women appointees of his: Margaret Heckler -- Sec. of DHHS and the Acting Director of SSA is also a woman, though I can't think of her name. How about UN Ambassador Kirkpatrick...And let's not forget Nancy Reagan; I mean Ron did marry a woman!)

more letters.....

from Carl "CP" Russell

Hart, Reagan and Mondale. I can't stand Mondale. Hart is more tolerable to me. Some of the policies he's proposed are sound such as his economic plan. I don't agree with everything Hart is for -- like the nuclear freeze plan -- but I don't vote a candidate on the basis of one issue.

I'm a loyal Reagan supporter but I am firmly against prayer in public schools -- something Reagan is for. A candidate can't please everybody all the time, but someone who stands up for what he believes in (instead of being two-faced or wishy-washy) impresses me. Reagan has those qualities. He should be re-elected.

(Carl,

I more or less agree with you. I don't think that Reagan is a great president, but I think that he's the best we have right now. I agree with alot of what he stands for. He's a tad hard on defense but I think we kind of needed that after Ford and Carter. I don't know too much about economics, but things don't seem to be too bad right now.

As for the "home" issues like abortion and prayer in the schools, I stand right behind him. Abortion is murder and as for prayer in the schools -- this is a Christian country. I think that if a child wants to say a prayer before school starts or wants to talk about God or the Bible in a class, then that's fine. Fact in point: our national motto: In God we trust.....

See you at MaryCon,
Tom.



It has returned....

The Celebrity Page



Tom SWICKER, director B. of Treas., shows us his "first attempt at getting someone's attention" look.

Fifi Byrne, the popular Flushing, NY model has just signed a 10 year, \$15 million contract with Woody Enterprises Inc. Seen here, she models her latest self-designed outfit and hair-do.



Bobby Sacks becomes a comedian. Yes, Bobby has moved to Atlantic City & the casino tour. He has also opened a chapter of the NYGB for South Jersey. Bobby says, "A'm a big man in Joisey!"



BAGLADY BYRNE
gives a rousing
speech at the 60th
annual Bagladies of
America Group
Convention in N.Y.
Kathy has been the
main speaker at
53 of the last 60
cons.



Do you think that Lousy Laryelore and CP Russell
take playing chess a little too seriously?

Obviously, they're
in their glory.



PAT HART'S PLAY CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.....

Kathy: Why are you here?

Pat: I thought you might listen to reason if I talked to you in person and come over to my side before it's too late.

Kathy: You have some nerve fella! Don't you know who you are talking too? I was voted best player and writer. I'm number one! I own Dipland! Why anytime I want I can get the entire board to attack you, no problem.

Pat: But Kathy....

Kathy: You're only in the game now so everyone will have someone to pick on in the press.

Pat: Then I'll just go and talk to John.

Kathy: Nooooooooo!.....Damn it!.....rumble-rumble.....

Pat: Let's see, it's coming from this door.....CRRRRRAAAAASSSSSHHH!.....John, where are you?.....John?.....clack-creeeaak.....John!.....Oh my God...What has she done to you?

John: Mmmmmppppfffgghhh!

Pat: Don't worry, I'll have you out of that straightjacket before you know it.

John: Nooooo! Save yourself.

Pat: I can take care of myself.

John: You don't understand.

Pat: Tell me about it.

John: Who are you?

Pat: My name is Pat Hart.

John: You're from South Carolina.

Pat: Hope you don't mind a rebel rescuing you?

John: I love Southerners.

Pat: Huh? That's not what I read in Whitestonia.

John: That's not me. Kathy writes it all. I'm not even Italian.

Pat: I see.

John: You gotta let Dipland know the truth.

Pat: It's got a padlock. I'll have to go for help.

John: You haven't much time.

Kathy: Time's up!

Pat: A whip isn't going to stop me.

Kathy: ...crraackk!...We'll see about that.....whoooooooooosh-whoooooooooosh-whoooooooooosh-whooooosh-whoooo sh-whooooosh...

John: Look out!

Pat: My legs are caught!

John: It's a bola whip. That's how she got me.

Kathy: ...crraackk!...Do what I say. Hands behind your back.

Pat: I, I guess I have no choice.

Kathy: I always knew playing superhero with Brad would pay off.

Pat: What are you going to do now?

John: She's gonna hypnotize you so that...

Kathy: Shut up John.

John: Mmmppppfffgghhh!

Pat: So that's how you do it.

Kathy: It doesn't matter now. Yeah, when I'm through with you, in about a week, you'll go home as if nothing has happened. When I really need you to be a toady, I'll call you on the phone and give you the secret password. Once again, my dominance will be reinforced and everyone will vote me number one again and again and again.

Pat: One day your secret will out...

Kathy: Shut up.
 Pat: Mmmppffghh!
 Kathy: Okay kids, take him to Phyllis's room.
 Francine & Frank: Hee-hee-hee-hee.
 Kathy: I'll be back later to take care of you John.
 John:
 Voice: Mom, I'm home.
 Kathy: Hi honey, how did you do?
 Phyllis: About a dozen.
 Kathy: You know I want to finish wallpapering before the next Byrnecon.
 Phyllis: But mom, I've been out all day.
 Kathy: Go get a dozen more tonight.
 Phyllis: Give me a break.
 Kathy: ...CRACK!!!!...
 Phyllis: I'm going!
 Kathy: When you get back, go to bed on the sofa.
 Phyllis: Aw mom, I never get to sleep in my own bed.
 Kathy:
 Phyllis: Who is it this time?
 Kathy: None of your business.
 Phyllis: When are you going to stop?
 Kathy: You already know when.
 Phyllis: I know, I know. After you get Gary Coughlan.
 Kathy: Don't worry, it won't be much longer.

(Thank you for that "different" play, Pat.... That's three free issues tacked onto your sub.....)

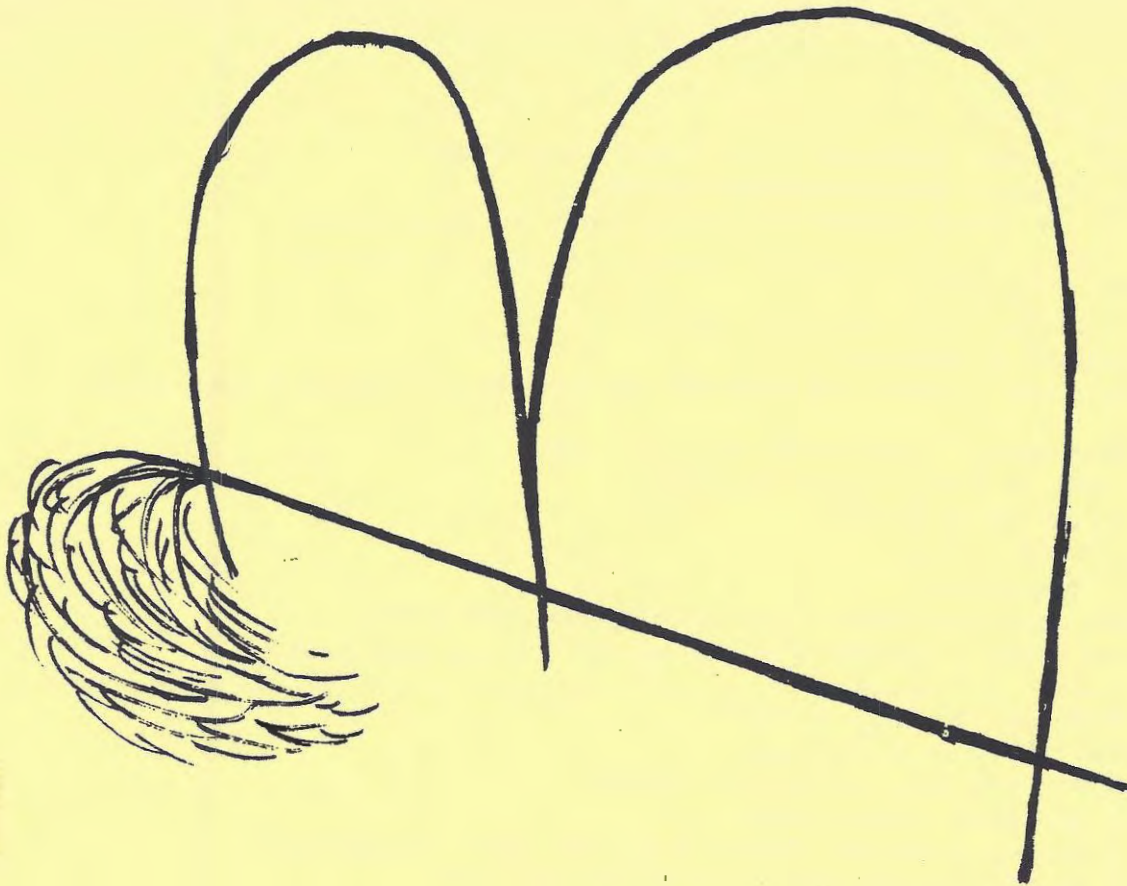
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